



Area State Parks— September 2015 Adventures, Events & Activities

From sites rich in cultural history to the scenic beaches of the north coast, parks in the Santa Cruz District invite the visitor to explore and enjoy. The district stretches from the sand dunes of Sunset State Beach near Watsonville up the coast to Montara State Beach north of Half Moon Bay and inland to Castle Rock State Park near the town of Saratoga.

Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park

Day Use Area located off Hwy 9 in Felton (831) 335-7077

Fall Creek Unit located at 1400 Felton Empire Rd.

Campground entrance located at 2591 Graham Hill Rd.

An Annual Special Event!

Ohlone Day

Saturday, September 12 from 10 am to 4 pm

Celebrate the Ohlone People of the past with those of the present at Ohlone Day. You will see traditional dancers and Ohlone demonstrators will share traditional basketry, songs, stories, tools, musical instruments, language and history. You can throw an atlatl, make a miniature tule boat, try hot rock cooking, play Ohlone games, and try your hand at fire making. Event is held in the group picnic area located at in the Day Use Area. The Day Use Area is located off of Highway 9 in Felton at 101 Big Trees Park Rd Felton. This event is appropriate for all ages. Day-use parking fee is \$10. More information is available at (831)335-7077 or (831) 335-3174. This event is sponsored by Mountain Parks Foundation, the Arts Council Santa Cruz County, Valley Women's club, and California State Parks.

Guided Redwood Grove Walks

Every Saturday and Sunday in September at 1 pm

How do redwoods grow to become the tallest organisms on earth? How important are banana slugs to the redwood ecosystems? Why are there so few old growth trees left? Answer these questions and more every Saturday and Sunday on our Redwood Grove Walks. One of our knowledgeable docents will lead you through our magnificent old growth forest and answer any questions you may have. Meet at the Visitors Center in the Day Use area of Henry Cowell.

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Santa Cruz Mission State Historic Park

Located on School St. off of Mission and Emmet Street in Santa Cruz (831) 425-5849

A Special Event!

Santa Cruz Mission Adobe Summer Series Finale!

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California State Parks on the Internet: <<http://www.parks.ca.gov>>



Mole, Mariachis & More!

Saturday, September 19 from 11 am to 5 pm

Join us for a day of mole, mariachis & much, much more! Enjoy great local food, wine and beer, crafts and fun for kids of all ages. Vote for your favorite mole prepared for you by local chefs. Mole is a traditional Mexican sauce, sometimes made using chocolate. Friends of Santa Cruz State Parks, a non-profit organization dedicated to sustaining the legacy of our local state parks and beaches. This event is a benefit for Friends of Santa Cruz State Parks in support of Santa Cruz Mission State Historic Park. Admission is free with donations welcome, proceeds from which benefit the park. For more information about the Summer Series, visit www.ThatsMyPark.org.

Guided Adobe Tour

Saturday, September 5 at 1 pm

Monday, September 7 at 1 pm

Join us at the Santa Cruz Mission State Historic Park for a guided tour of the oldest building in Santa Cruz. Come learn about the many families who have called this 180-year-old mission adobe their home. This event is free. Tours are conducted rain or shine. The Santa Cruz Mission State Historic Park is located on School St. off of Mission and Emmet Street in Santa Cruz. Please call (831) 425-5849 for more information.

Archeology Demonstration

Saturday, September 12 at 1 pm

How do artifacts give us clues to the past? Follow the archeological process from the dig to the display, and participate in hands-on activities to discover the stories told by the artifacts. Presented in collaboration with the Santa Cruz Archeological Society. This event is free. Rain Cancels. The Santa Cruz Mission State Historic Park is located on School St. off of Mission and Emmet St. in Santa Cruz. Please call [\(831\) 425-5849](tel:8314255849) for more information.

Drop In Family Craft – Papel Picado at the Santa Cruz Mission

Saturday, September 26 from 1 pm to 3:30 pm

Enjoy an informal afternoon at this hidden jewel near downtown Santa Cruz. Make your own colorful cutout paper flags influenced by the traditions of Mexico. This event is free. Rain or shine. The Santa Cruz Mission State Historic Park is located on School St. off of Mission and Emmet Street in Santa Cruz. Please call (831) 425-5849 for more information.

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Wilder Ranch State Park

Located two miles north of Santa Cruz, on Highway 1 (831) 426-0505

Park Hours: 8 am to Sunset

A Special Event!

Life on the Ranch: Family Living History Day

Saturday, September 12 from 11 am to 3 pm

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Wilder Ranch State Park invites you to experience old-time activities from its rancho, dairy farm, and cowboy rodeo days. Hands-on activities and living history presentations include: butter churning, ice cream making, branding, cooking, roping skills, wagon rides and demonstrations in the ranch buildings. Come for a picnic on the lawn and follow it up with a variety of games. The event is held on the grounds of the Wilder Ranch Cultural Preserve. The park is located 2 miles north of Santa Cruz on the coast side of Highway 1 at 1401 Coast Road Santa Cruz, CA 95060. Day-use parking fee is \$10. This event is appropriate for all ages. For more information, please call (831)426-0505.

Wilder Ranch Living History Demonstrations and Ranch Tours

Weekends from 11 am to 3 pm

Tour of the ranch houses at 1 pm

Visit an early day dairy ranch and step back in time to the late 1800's at Wilder Ranch State Park. Weekends at 1 pm, join the 1 hour tour of the 1897 Victorian home, 1896 water powered machine shop, 1856 Gothic Revival farm house, barns, and other historic buildings. You can also play Victorian games or bring a picnic to enjoy on the front lawn, visit the farm animals and see what activities are taking place on the ranch this weekend; You may learn about hand quilting, watch blacksmithing, or wood stove baking techniques. Call (831) 426-0505 for more details.

History, Nature, and Scenic Views: A Tour of the Grey Whale Ranch Area

Saturday, September 12 at 9 am

This challenging guided 3 hour hike will explore the natural and cultural history of the upper hills of Wilder Ranch State Park. Meet at the Wilder Ranch parking lot. Bring good walking shoes, lunch, snacks, and water. Rain cancels.

Wilder Ranch Coast Nature Walks

Saturday, September 5 at 11 am

Saturday, September 19 at 11 am

Saturday, September 26 at 11 am

On this 2 hour natural history excursions you will explore the plants, animals, and geology of the spectacular coastal bluffs. Meet at the Wilder Ranch Interpretive Center. Bring a snack, water, binoculars, and good walking shoes. Binoculars are now available to borrow.

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Big Basin Redwoods State Park

Located 9 miles outside of Boulder Creek on Hwy 236 at 21600 Big Basin Way.
(831) 338-8883

An Annual Special Event!

Big Basin Founders' Day and Redwood Jubilee

Saturday, September 26

Honor the Visionaries, Valued Workers and Visitors that shaped the character of Big Basin over the past 113 years. Revel in the beauty of the majestic old growth redwoods that inspired the

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movement to Save the Trees! Celebrate our wild heritage with a melodrama, history hikes and games for kids.

Founders' Day Events:

Timeline Tree: Changing Times among the Ageless Giants

9 am-5 pm (all day, walk by anytime)

Come walk along a downed 100 foot redwood tree and read about the stories of change in the forest where time appears to stop. The timeline describes events in words and pictures of Big Basin over the last century...and more. Some were grand occasions, others mundane details...together, the stops along this path tell a fascinating story of the oldest state park in California. The timeline is along the Redwood Loop Trail, across from Park Headquarters.

Coffee Talk and Crafts

9 am to Noon

Come to the Sempervirens Room next to Park Headquarters for free coffee or hot chocolate! This room tells the story of the history of California's oldest state park. Docent Kathy Willott will be happy to answer your questions about the park and help get you going on the right trail. And there's a fun craft activity for the kids!

Old-Time Big Basin Resort Walk

9:30 am

Get in a time machine with Docent Scott Peden as he leads us on a history walk around Park Headquarters. Big Basin was a world famous resort, with a swimming pool, dance hall, cabins, dining hall, and more! See photos from then, and compare them to what it looks like now. Scott has 80 to 100 year maps and photos of that era—we will stop by the exact spots those old photos were taken and learn something about the past! This is a 1 mile, 90 minute walk. Meet at Park Headquarters.

Outlook from Mt. McAbee

10:30 am

Join Docent Hal Anjo on a hike to McAbee Outlook. We'll stop at the top and enjoy the lovely ocean views, returning through a beautiful old-growth redwood forest. Learn about the different habitats as you watch the environment change as we climb and enjoy the view. Difficulty level is moderate. The hike is six miles and about three and a half hours. Bring plenty of water, snacks and good hiking shoes. Meet at Park Headquarters.

Horse Tails

11 am

Come meet Bellarose the horse and learn about the important role horses played in early Big Basin history. Join Docent Peggy O'Shea as she shares stories of how horses were used by the Spanish explorers, early settlers and the lumber and tanning industries. Meet at Park Headquarters.

Old-Time Redwood Grove Loop Walk

11:30 am

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Join Docent Scott Peden as he leads us on an old-fashioned redwood grove loop walk. Over the years, this walk meandered over a much longer distance and passed by many old buildings and even older trees. See photos from then, and compare them to what it looks like now. Scott has 80 to 100 year maps and photos of that era—we will stop by the exact spots those old photos were taken and learn something about the past! This is a 1 mile, 90 minute walk. Meet at Park Headquarters.

Big Basin Melodrama!

1 pm

Celebrate Big Basin's history! Watch a strolling play into the past on this easy, family friendly redwood loop trail and meet colorful characters from Big Basin's past. Listen to the stories of a pioneering homesteader, an early conservationist, the first female ranger at Big Basin and more! This walk is a 0.5, 1.5 hour and is wheelchair and stroller friendly. Meet at Park Headquarters.

Once Upon a Nest

3 pm

Listen to tales of the history and lore of the endangered marbled murrelet as you follow the path of its discovery right here in the center of Big Basin with Docent Karen DeMello. You'll also meet typical birds of the redwood forest along the way on this 1.5 mile walk. Meet at Park Headquarters. Binoculars recommended (not required).

Old-Fashioned Children's Games

From 3 pm to 5 pm

Step back in time and play some old-fashioned children's games. Stop by anytime during this two-hour program. The games are for kids of all ages. Meet at the Old Lodge.

Campfire!

Native Stories

6:30 pm marshmallow roasting; Program starts at 7 pm

Join us in our historic campfire center for an evening of song and story. Tonight, hear stories from the past, from Native California's history. Fire lighting and marshmallows (we provide the sticks and marshmallows!) at 6:30 pm; program begins at 7 pm. Wheelchair, stroller accessible. Good dogs welcome!

Regularly Scheduled Big Basin Events:

Redwood Loop Walk

Every Saturday and Sunday in September at 11 am and 2 pm

Monday, September 7 Labor Day at 11 am and 2 pm

How do these grand redwoods grow to be so old? So tall? How are they important to humans? Join us for this fun and informative guided half-mile stroll through a magnificent old-growth redwood forest. Meet the famous Mother Tree, the Father of the Forest and the incredible

Chimney Tree on this 90-minute walk. Stroller and wheelchair accessible. Meet at Park Headquarters.

Evening Campfire Program

Every Saturday in September at 6:30 pm

Sunday, September 6 at 6:30 pm

Join us in our historic campfire center for an evening of song and story. Serenade the glittering stars and learn about redwood ecology, creatures of the forest or stories of the park while relaxing in the shadows of the towering trees. Fire lighting and marshmallows (we provide the sticks and marshmallows!) at 6:30 pm; program begins at 7 pm. Wheelchair, stroller accessible. Good dogs welcome!

Junior Rangers

Every Saturday at 3 pm (except for a special event on Saturday, September 26)

Sunday, September 6 at 3 pm

Monday, September 7 at 11 am

Discover the fascinating secrets of the forest! Explore, practice outdoor skills and play games as you learn about plants, animals, geology, and more. This 1 hour program is designed for kids ages 7 to 12. Sorry parents, this program is for kids only! Please register your child at the Nature Lodge 15 minutes before the program begins. Please be sure your child is dressed for active play in the outdoors.

Big Basin Nature Club

Saturday at 4:30 pm (except for a special event on Saturday, September 26)

Sunday, September 6 at 4:30 pm

Monday, September 7 at 10 am

This fun program is designed for children ages 3 to 6 and their families. Pretend, play, sing and explore! This 30 minute program will introduce youngsters to the wonders of the redwood forest. Meet at the Nature Lodge.

Coffee Talk and Crafts

Saturday, September 5 from 9:30 to Noon

Monday, September 7 from 9 to Noon

Saturday, September 12 from 9 to Noon

Saturday, September 26 from 9 to Noon

Come to the Sempervirens Room next to Park Headquarters for free coffee or hot chocolate! This is a great way to start your day in Big Basin. A Big Basin Docent will be happy to answer your questions about the park and help get you going on the right trail. And bring the kids for a fun craft activity!

Meteor Trail Hike

Saturday, September 5 at 10:30 am with Peggy O'Shea

Saturday, September 12 at noon with Hal Anjo

Join one of our knowledgeable docents on a diverse hikes, by mountain streams, oak woodlands, chaparral and redwoods. You'll discuss forests, flowers and fires on a 6 mile, 3.5 hour hike. This somewhat strenuous ascent is rewarded with ocean views on a clear day. Bring water, lunch and good hiking shoes. Meet at Park Headquarters.

Discover Big Basin Redwoods Hike!

Saturday, September 5 at Noon

Monday, September 7 at Noon

Sunday, September 13 at Noon

Saturday, September 26 at Noon

Sunday, September 27 at Noon

Explore some of the park's less travelled backcountry with Docent Barry Grimm. This hike will be individually tailored to your group, so distance can vary from 2 to 8 miles, depending on your needs. The pace is always moderate, with occasional short stops to discover the park's unique animals, plants and other natural features. Based on group size, experience level and weather conditions, we will choose from the many trails that explore the park's most scenic areas. Dress in layers for changeable weather and temperatures. Bring sturdy walking shoes, water and trail snacks. Meet at Park Headquarters.

Nature's Reading Room

Saturday, September 5 from 1 to 3 pm

Come sit under our redwoods in the Campfire Center, nature's reading room, and choose a book or two to read with your family. Drop by and Docent Norm Beeson will help you find the perfect book for your family to enjoy. Nature's Reading Room is at our Campfire Center.

Hike to Buzzard's Roost

Sunday, September 6 at 10 am

Develop your hiking muscles with this challenging 5 mile round trip to Buzzard's Roost. Join Docent Steve Stolper for a hike to a dramatic rock formation with a commanding view of the park. We gain 1,200 feet in elevation on the way up. After a relaxed lunch on the rocks, we return to headquarters. Bring at least one liter of water, lunch, snacks, and appropriate clothing. Meet at Park Headquarters.

Biking Big Basin

Sunday, September 6 at Noon

Thursday, September 17 at Noon

Tuesday, September 22 at Noon

Pedal some of the Park's easier gravel fire roads with Docent Barry Grimm. Families with kids can enjoy the initial flat paved section, after which the rest of the group can enjoy moderate climbs and downhill glides on gravel fire roads. Most any bike will work on the initial flat paved section, mountain bikes will be needed for the second half. Bring a full water bottle and trail snacks. Meet at Park Headquarters. Come early for a free mini tune-up, chain and pedal lube and tire pressure check.

Family Discovery Walk

Sunday, September 6 at 1 pm

Saturday, September 19 at 1 pm

Join Docent Norm Beeson for a fun-filled family walk and investigate the mysteries and wonders of Big Basin's redwood forest! We will discover what surprises the day offers on this easy, 1 mile roundtrip walk that lasts about 1.5 hours. Bring water, a snack and an adventurous spirit! Meet at Park Headquarters.

A Walk in the Past

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Monday, September 7 at 10 am

No Safeway? No Home Depot? No Pharmacy? How did the Ohlone Indians survive? Take a walk with Docent Eva Fewel and learn about some of the plants the Ohlones used for food, tools and medicine. This is a 4 mile, 2.5 hour walk. Meet at Park Headquarters.

Felling the Giants**Monday, September 7 at Noon**

Logging was the major industry in the Santa Cruz Mountains for over 50 years. How did lumbermen cut down these tall, tall trees? What was life like in a logging camp? What tools did they use? Join Docent Paul Fewel as he tells stories of the logging days and demonstrates how loggers were able to fell these giants—without chainsaws! Meet at Park Headquarters.

Volunteer with the Trail Crew**Saturday, September 12 at 9 am**

Since 1969 the Big Basin Volunteer Trail Crew has helped make it possible for others to safely enjoy the beauty of our park. The Trail Crew meets the second Saturday of each month, rain or shine. A typical workday lasts until mid-afternoon. Please bring your own work gloves, lunch and water. Join us for a unique perspective of Big Basin, a lively and productive experience with others who share a love of these redwood forests, and the satisfaction of participating in a vital part of the park's ability to educate and inspire the public! Meet at Park Headquarters.

Berry Creek Falls Hike**Sunday, September 13 at 9:30 am**

Travel deep into the heart of Big Basin as you experience a wide range of habitats on this moderate to strenuous 11 mile loop hike. Wind through shady redwood canyons and climb dry ridges as you hike to the jewel of Big Basin, 65 foot Berry Creek Falls. Bring lots of water, lunch and wear layers. Docent Bill Rhoades will guide you on this seven-hour hike. Meet at Park Headquarters.

The Road Less Traveled—A Dog-Friendly Walk**Sunday, September 13 at 10 am****Saturday, September 19 at 10:30 am****Sunday, September 27 at 9:30 am**

On this dog, stroller and wheelchair friendly walk, we travel on North Escape Road, a paved road closed to traffic. We tour stunning old-growth redwood groves along beautiful Opal Creek. We will discuss redwood ecology and park history while exploring the deep shade of the redwood forest. This is a fun, easy, 3 mile, 2 hour roundtrip walk with a Big Basin Docent. *Dogs not required, but welcome!* Bring water and meet at Park Headquarters.

Wildflower Walk!**Saturday, September 19 at 10 am****Sunday, September 20 at 10 am**

Join Docent Scott Peden on this slow paced walk with lots of stops to identify flowering plants and take photos. You'll also visit several historical spots within the park. Saturday's walk is a leisurely 4 mile, 4 hour amble that includes two chimney trees and a waterfall. Sunday's walk is a relaxed 5 mile, 5 hour amble that includes a chimney tree. Bring water and lunch. Meet at Park Headquarters.

Shadowbrook Stroll

Saturday, September 19 at Noon

Join Docent Hal Anjo as he guides you on a less traveled trail that takes you by Union Creek, to the Sempervirens Falls and back through the redwoods. This is a 4 mile, 3.5- our hike. Bring water and good hiking shoes. Meet at Park Headquarters.

Hike to Ocean View Summit

Sunday, September 20 at 10 am

Escape the crowds on this 6 mile, 4.5 hour loop through shaded forest to a hilltop view of the coast. Join Docent Steve Stolper as we climb the Meteor Trail through the trees, gaining 600 feet before emerging at Ocean View Summit. After a relaxed lunch we descend back into the forest and return to headquarters. Bring at least one liter of water, lunch, snacks and appropriate clothing. Meet at Park Headquarters.

Snakes Alive!

Sunday, September 20 from Noon to 3 pm

Why are snakes important to us? How do they see, smell, taste, hear? What and how do they eat? What does a snake feel like? Come to the Old Lodge, across the street from the Nature Lodge/Museum, and meet Docent Diane Shaw and learn about the fascinating world of snakes. Stop by anytime to meet the snake and talk to Diane.

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Half Moon Bay State Beach

95 Kelly Avenue, Half Moon Bay, CA (650) 726-8804

Campfire Program: Astronomy Part 1 – Travel the Solar System

Saturday, September 5 at 8:30 pm Astronomy Part 1 “Travel the Solar System

Sunday, September 6 at 8:30 pm Astronomy Part 2 “Stories of the Constellations”

What comprises a Solar System? What is the Sun? What is the difference between a planet and a dwarf planet? What defines a constellation? Discover the answers and more at our campfire program. Roast marshmallows, tell amazing stories, and unravel the mysteries of the coast. Meet at the campfire center, north of the campground. . For more information please call (650) 726-8819 or email HMBParksVolunteer@parks.ca.gov.

Guided Walk through Pescadero Marsh

Sunday, September 6 from 10 am to Noon

Sunday, September 20 from 1 pm to 3 pm

Join docents Suzanne Black and Karen Madsen on this 1 mile stroll along the Sequoia Audubon Trail through the Pescadero Marsh. Explore this restored march along the Pacific Flyway and its remnant levees of past farming. Discover the byways of the Pescaero and Butano creeks as they race to the edge of the coast. Please bring layers, walking shoes, binoculars, and water. Rain cancels. Meet at the central Pescadero State Beach parking lot, just south of the Hwy 1 bridge that crosses Pescadero Creek. For more information call (650) 726-8819 or email HMBParksVolunteer@parks.ca.gov.

Guided Walk of the Grey Whale Cove Trail

Saturday, September 12 at 10 am

Saturday, September 26 at 10 am

Join docents Gail Stevens and Karen Madsen for a 1.5 hour, 2 mile stroll along this scenic trail through McNee Ranch State Park. Enjoy the ocean views, observe how the Ocean Shore Railroad once etched into the coastal landscape, view the remnants of WWII era bunkers, and discover the local wildlife. Meet at the Gray Whale Cove State Beach parking lot, at McNee Ranch, Montara State Park. Parking lot is located on Hwy 1, just south of Devil's Slide. For more information call (650) 726-8819 or email HMBParksVolunteer@parks.ca.gov.

Guided Walk through Burleigh Murray State Park

Sunday, September 13 at 1 pm

Sunday, September 27 at 1 pm

Journey back in time along Mills Creek with docents Ginny Conboy and Sonny Mencher on this 2 hour, 2 mile stroll. Discover how the first pioneers and farming families of the California coast survived wild west in the 19th century. Meet at the Burleigh Murray parking lot located on Higgins Purissima Road in Half Moon Bay. For more information call (650) 726-8819 or email HMBParksVolunteer@parks.ca.gov.

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Año Nuevo State Park

Located off Highway 1 between Pescadero and Santa Cruz, CA (650) 879-2025

Geology Rocks! at Año Nuevo State Park

Saturday, September 6 at 1 pm

The sands and cliffs of Año Nuevo State Park's Cove Beach tell a tale of an ever-changing planet. Earthquakes and erosion, landslides and littoral drift all constantly carve up the California coast, producing the dramatic vistas and iconic features we know and love – while they last!. Please join docent Robert Irons for this 0.6 mile, 60 minute exploration of the park's coastal geology. Meet at the Marine Education Center. Rain cancels.

A Year in the Life of the Quiroste

Saturday, September 12 at 1pm

For thousands of years before European explorers came to California, the Quiroste people lived a lifestyle rooted in the abundant resources around present-day Año Nuevo State Park. Please join docent Connie Gaddy for this 1 mile, 75 minute walk into centuries past, when the sea and shore provided sustenance and shelter for a thriving society. Meet in the main parking lot. Rain cancels.

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Rancho del Oso Nature and History Center

Located 17 miles north of Santa Cruz, at 3600 Highway One, Davenport, CA 95017

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Open Weekends Noon to 4 pm. Call (831)427-2288.

Wildflower and Nature Hike of Waddell Valley

Saturday, September 12 at 10 am

Join docent Scott Peden and learn to identify many of Waddell Valley's plants within Rancho del Oso's seven diverse habitats. Observe the monthly change of the ecosystems. Each walk is unique as blooming flowers and pollinators are constantly in flux! This walk is a leisurely 4 hour amble that is great for learning the native habitat we are experiencing. Bring lunch, questions and spirited fervor! Meet at the Rancho del Oso Nature and History Center.

Snake Park Saturday

Saturday, September 12 at 2 pm

Why are snakes important to us? How do they see, smell, taste, hear? What and how do they eat? What does a snake feel like? Come to the Rancho del Oso Nature and History Center to meet Docent Diane Shaw and learn about the fascinating world of snakes. Diane will give a talk about snakes and Naturalist Jeremy Lin will lead a short informative hike to find snakes and other reptiles!

Nature Wander

Sunday, September 13 at 1 pm

Find out what is growing and blooming right now in the Waddell Valley on this approximately 1 mile, 1.5 hour guided walk with docent naturalist Ann Garside. She will share information about the plants of Rancho del Oso as the group walks from coastal scrub through one of the last native stands of Monterey Pine left in the world. Hike starts at the Rancho del Oso Nature and History Center.

Family Days

Saturday, September 19 at 2 pm

Children of all ages welcome! Join us for an afternoon of storytelling, creative crafts and an adventurous nature hike. One of our talented docents will engage all ages with an entertaining story about the natural world. Stay for hands-on craft projects and enjoy an educational jaunt in the forest to observe and learn about local plants and animals. This event will meet at the Rancho del Oso Nature and History Center.

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Butano State Park

1500 Cloverdale Road, Pescadero (650) 879-2040

Junior Rangers

Saturday, September 5th at 10:30 am "Creek Detectives"

Sunday, September 6 at 10 am "Animal Tracks and Signs"

Monday, September 7 at 10 am "Give Plants a Chance"

Join us to explore the waters of Little Butano Creek, hike, arts and crafts, and much more. Junior Rangers is a statewide program for kids ages 7 to 12. Sorry parents, this is a kids only program! Meet at the Olmo Fire Road along the main road of the park.

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Campfires Program: "Banana Slugs"

Saturday, September 5 at 8 pm

Come join us for an evening under the stars, roasting marshmallows and enjoy games like Park Jeopardy. Afterward we will have a short slideshow on our charismatic banana slugs. Meet at the Campfire Center for this 1 hour program.

Guided Walk: "Plants and Animals of Butano"

Saturday, September 5 at 1 pm

Join interpreter Specialist Andrea for a 2 hour, dog-friendly walk along the Olmo Fire Road to discover the variety of animals and plants of the park. Bring a water bottle, snacks, and binoculars. Meet at the Olmo Fire Road entrance.

Guided Walk: "Nocturnal Animals"

Sunday, September 6 at 8 pm

Join Interpreter Specialist Andrea for a 1 hour long stroll along the Goat Hill trail to discover the nocturnal animals of Butano. All ages are welcome. Please bring a flashlight. Meet at the stairs next to the campsite #16.

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Natural Bridges State Beach

Located at the end of West Cliff Drive in Santa Cruz (831)423-4609

Natural Bridges Fall Docent Training

Training begins in Late September, 5 Week Course

Wednesday Evenings from 6:30 pm to 9 pm & Saturday half days

Join our team of volunteers as we begin our fall docent training. Do you enjoy nature and being outdoors? Do you feel a strong sense of giving to the community, promoting conservation and stewardship, and sharing knowledge with others? Then join the volunteer group at Natural Bridges State Beach. We are now recruiting volunteers for a comprehensive training starting in the fall where you will be trained on how to interpret the natural and cultural history of the park. As a docent, you will lead weekend tours, host the butterfly grove, help with restoration, assist in festivals, lead elementary school tours and much more. Become a voice for this fascinating insect. For more information please call (831) 423-4609 ext. 8 or email naturalbridgesstatebeach@gmail.com

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